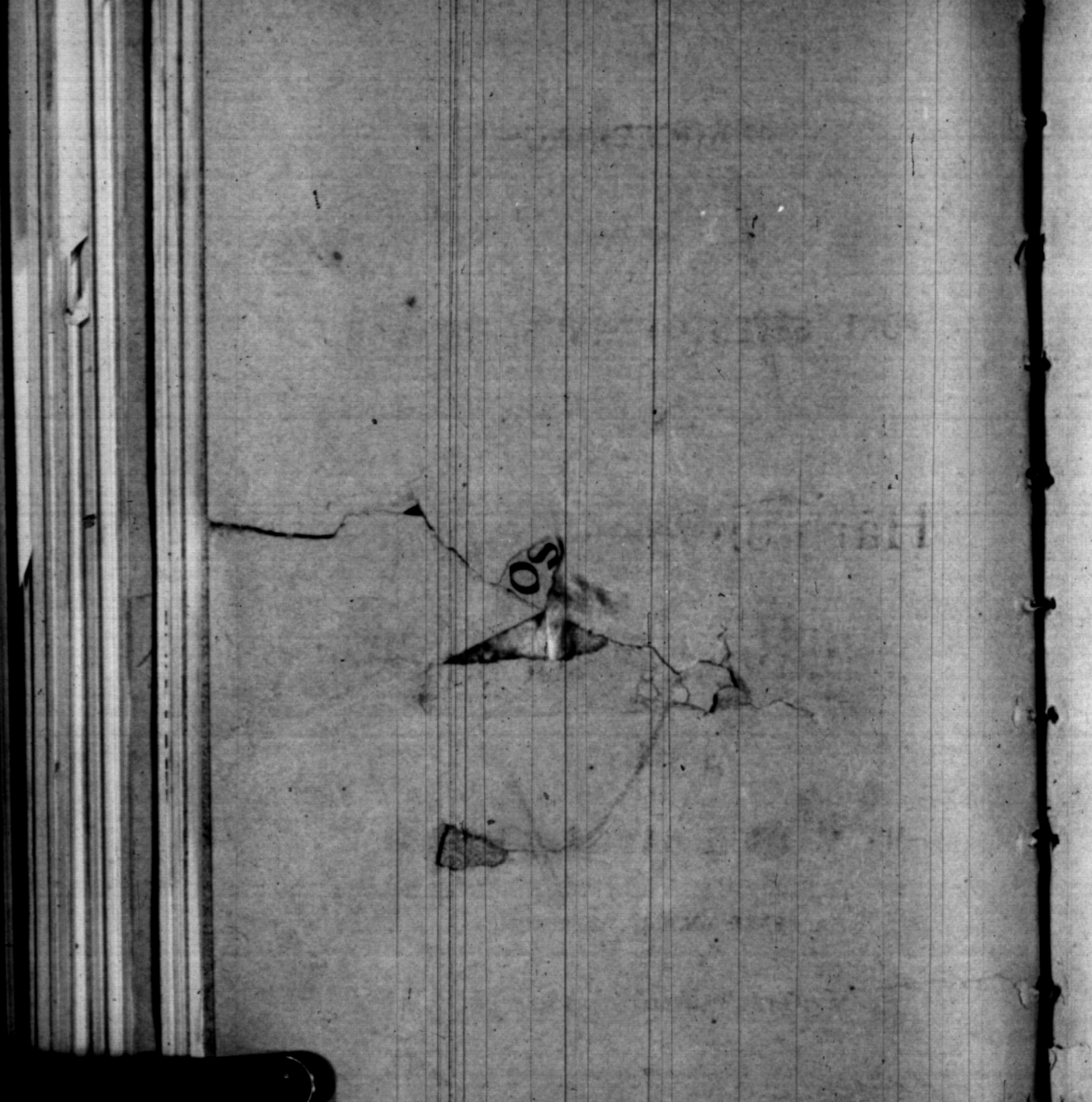


Harmony

Baptist Association.

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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

FORTY-SEVENTH † ANNUAL † SESSION

—OF THE—

Harmony 

Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

LEAKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

Saturday, October 24, 1896.

1896.

E. B. TABOR, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
BRANDON, MISS.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR,

T. E. MORRIS..... Good Hope

CLERK AND TREASURER,

T. J. MOORE..... Carthage

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NEXT MEETING.

PLACE—Friendship Church, Lena postoffice, in Leake County, about sixteen miles north of Morton, on the Alabama and Vicksburg railroad.

TIME—Saturday before Fourth Sunday in October, 1897.

PREACHER INTRODUCTORY SERMON—T. J. Moore.

ALTERNATE—L. F. Gregory.

PROCEEDINGS.

First Day—Morning Session.

EDINBURG, Miss., Oct. 24, 1896.

The Forty-seventh session of the Harmony Baptist Association met with Mt. Carmel Baptist church, pursuant to adjournment, on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in October, A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M.

T. E. Morris read the 16th Psalm and J. P. Hickman led in prayer.

The body was then called to order by T. E. Morris, Moderator of last session.

A committee on finance was then appointed, composed of J. F. Kernop, S. W. Moore and B. W. Rawson.

J. P. Hickman and J. N. Denson were appointed to read the church letters and as they read, the following named were enrolled as delegates present:

Friendship—W. C. Sessum, T. J. Meador.

Carthage—A. J. Heath, T. J. Moore, H. C. McMillon.

Good Hope, Madison—J. M. Dotson, J. F. Kernop, James Shelton.

Hopewell—F. M. Ellington, T. H. Foster.

Center Hill—J. B. Fulton, B. W. Rawson, J. H. Carpenter, C. M. Evans.

Hopewell (Choctaw)—Will Jack, Scott York.

Mt. Carmel—J. S. McCorkle, F. L. Hill, jr.

New Hope—J. D. Adams.
 Good Hope, Leake—G. M. Bowling, T. E. Morris, Henry Col-
 lier, A. F. Young, G. W. Nutt, J. N. Denson.
 Stump Bridge—S. M. Coleman, P. G. Wales.
 Midway—S. W. Moore, S. A. Jackson.
 Thomastown—E. T. Gober, S. D. Beckham, R. J. Bell, Chas.
 Edwards.
 Mt. Zion—J. A. Thomas, S. D. Phillips, L. W. Allen, D. K.
 Thomas.
 Standing Pine—W. L. Cox, P. C. Barnett.
 Wake Forest—D. M. Fulton, James Lesley.
 Mt. Zion (Choctaw)—James Anderson, Hampton Joshua.
 New Union—E. J. McKay.
 Salem—W. A. Williams, G. K. Mooney.
 Rocky Point—W. P. Dorrill, W. J. Dendy, J. F. Lee.

The body then went into permanent organization by the selection of officers by ballot, which resulted in the choice of T. E. Morris, Moderator, and T. J. Moore, clerk and treasurer.

At 11 o'clock business was suspended by motion of J. N. Denson, to hear the introductory sermon, which was preached by the appointee, W. P. Dorrill, to the great comfort and edification of the body and congregation. Text, II Cor. 5:20.

Adjourned for dinner.

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First Day—Afternoon Session.

Prayer by H. M. Whitten.

Called to order by the Moderator.

Committee on devotional exercises appointed, composed of W. C. Sessums, J. H. Carpenter, J. A. Henry, with pastor and deacons of this church.

After listening to the reading of some letters that were not handed in time enough to be read in the forenoon, the body heard, and by motion adopted, a partial report of the committee on Devotional Exercises as follows: L. F. Gregory to preach to-night at 7 o'clock; J. P. Hick-

man to preach in church at 11 A. M. Sunday; and H. M. Whitten at same hour at the Academy. Prayer and experience meetings at both places at 10 o'clock.

Upon a call for petitionary letters, a letter from Plymouth, a newly organized church, was read, the church received and V. G. Evans, her delegate, seated.

A letter from Cross Road, also a new church, was read, received into the body, and W. A. Comfort seated as delegate.

Upon call for corresponding messengers from other bodies, the following named brethren responded and were welcomed among us by the Moderator:

Yazoo Association—J. P. Hickman, W. J. Posey.

Kosciusko Association—S. C. Eastham, W. L. Coleman, W. H. Whitten.

Pearl Valley Association—T. G. Ward, E. S. Clark.

Scott County Association—W. S. Ford, J. B. Denson.

Louisville Association—J. W. Sims.

Convention Board—J. P. Hickman.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Yazoo Association—J. M. Vinson, J. M. Dotson.

Kosciusko Association—J. H. Carpenter, T. E. Morris, W. P. Dorrill, T. J. Moore, F. M. Ellington.

Pearl Valley Association—B. W. Rawson, L. W. Allen, J. M. Vinson, W. P. Dorrill, T. E. Morris.

Louisville Association—W. P. Dorrill, J. F. Lee, T. J. Moore.

Scott County Association—G. M. Bowling, W. A. Comfort, W. I. Phillips, T. E. Morris, B. H. Risher.

Mt. Pisgah Association—V. G. Evans, J. A. Thomas.

State Convention—T. J. Moore, J. M. Dotson, T. E. Morris, W. C. Sessum.

Southern Baptist Convention—T. E. Morris, Good Hope, Miss., was chosen delegate, with G. W. Nutt as alternate, and, by motion, the treasurer was authorized to

pay to the delegate (and in case he fails to go, to his alternate) a sufficient sum of money to defray expenses of the trip.

By unanimous consent, the matter of selecting place for locating the Harmony Baptist Institute or High School was taken up. After the exhibition of the map of Lena with surrounding lands—Lena being the place recommended by the committee appointed last year to select suitable location—remarks were made by T. E. Morris and others descriptive of the place and country immediately around it. The whole matter was postponed to be special order of business for Monday at 10 o'clock A. M.

Walnut Grove church's letter to Association read, and the names of Frank Harrison, L. F. Ferguson, and H. C. Harrison enrolled as delegates.

After authorizing Moderator to appoint the usual committees the body adjourned to meet Monday at 8:30 A. M.

The following committees were appointed:

Sunday Schools—G. W. Nutt, W. A. Comfort, J. R. Bell.
 Missions—W. P. Dorrill, J. W. Lesley, J. D. Adams.
 Woman's Work—L. F. Gregory, A. F. Young, S. D. Phillips.
 Temperance—S. W. Moore, R. W. Flowers, G. K. Mooney.
 State of Religion—J. M. Dotson, J. W. Fisher, V. G. Evans.
 Publications—W. C. Sessum, L. F. Ferguson, J. S. McCorkle.
 Ministerial Education and Mississippi College—J. N. Denson
 P. G. Wales, A. J. Heath.
 Obituaries—H. C. Harrison, E. J. McKay, P. C. Barnett.
 Nominations—W. L. Cox, J. F. Lee, Henry Collier.
 Queries and Requests—J. A. Thomas, J. P. Gober, H. C. McMillon.

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Sunday Services.

AT CHURCH.

10 A. M.—Prayer meeting led by T. G. Ward.

11 A. M.—Preaching by J. P. Hickman from I Cor.

1:18.

2:30 P. M.—Preaching by W. S. Ford from Nehemiah 4:6 and I Cor. 3:11.

7 P. M.—Preaching by T. E. Morris from Matt. 11:29.

AT THE ACADEMY.

10 A. M.—Prayer meeting led by T. E. Morris.

11 A. M.—Preaching by H. M. Whitten.

2:30 P. M.—Preaching by J. M. Dotson.

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Third Day—Morning Session.

Prayer led by W. S. Ford.

Called to order by Moderator.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Committee on Sunday Schools read report and after some appropriate remarks by the chairman it was adopted as follows:

Report on Sunday Schools.

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report that while we find a great many churches in our Association that have Sunday school, we find a number that have not fallen in line on this important work. We believe it to be in accord with the word of God and that there is no other organization that will be of more help in bringing up our rising generation than a good, live Sunday school. Take the statistics of our churches and you will find that the most conversions are in those that have an evergreen Sabbath school. Therefore, we would earnestly urge all churches that have no school to organize, and recommend Southern Baptist Convention literature.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. NUTT,
W. A. COMFORT,
W. J. BELL.

Report of Executive Board was read by secretary of board, T. J. Moore, and after some remarks by L. F. Gregory and others concerning the work at Forest Grove

and the following resolution passed, the report was adopted as it appears below the resolution.

Resolved: That the clerk of the Association correspond with the State Board concerning this point and that L. F. Gregory be recommended as a suitable man for that place and that the labor be continued there.

Report of Executive Board.

The Executive Board of Harmony Baptist Association will report as follows: We have held three meetings, first with Carthage church, second with Walnut Grove, third with Standing Pine. These meetings were well attended, very interesting and profitable. We have done but little mission work. We appointed L. F. Gregory to visit Forest Grove, with instructions that if in his judgment there could be a good work done there, that we would help \$25 towards his salary. He reports that he went there, preached a few times, and decided that it would not be best to continue the work unless we can sustain it for some years. We recommend that he be paid \$5 for his services.

T. E. MORRIS, Moderator.
T. J. MOORE.

Report of committee on Publications read; discussed by J. N. Denson, W. C. Sessum, T. J. Moore and H. M. Whitten, after which it was adopted as follows:

Report on Publications.

We your committee on Publications would respectfully report that God has given us by inspiration his last will and testament as our rule of faith and practice, hence the importance of impressing the obligations to read prayerfully and learn of Christ.

We find many good religious papers published as a means of communication, among which we recommend the Baptist Record, Baptist Layman, and the Mission Journal. We believe that every Baptist should take and read these papers to be informed in reference to the work of the state, home, and foreign fields. We also would recommend the use of the literature for Sunday schools of the Southern Convention Board, published at Nashville, Tenn.

W. C. SESSUM,
L. F. FERGUSON,
J. S. McCORKLE.

Report on State of Religion read; discussed by chairman and adopted as follows:

Report on State of Religion.

We your committee on Religion beg leave to report as follows: No one can be made to feel happier than a child of God to know that the dearth we have been passing through is very fast passing away, and the old, old story of the gospel is being presented to the people as the power of God to the salvation of them that believe. We believe furthermore that the churches are being awakened to their duty to their pastors and the mission cause that Christ committed unto their care. Again we believe that this is brought about by the faithful preaching of God's ministers, teaching the churches the relations they bear to Christ, for if we have not the spirit of Christ we are none of his. Increased 122; decreased 98.

Respectfully,

J. M. DOTSON,
F. M. ELLINGTON,
V. G. EVANS.

Report of committee on Nominations read and adopted without remarks as follows:

Report on Nominations.

Your committee on Nominations recommend:

1. That T. J. Moore be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and L. F. Gregory, alternate.
2. We recommend the next meeting of the Executive Board to be held with Wake Forest church, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in November, 1896.
3. We recommend the following named brethren as members of the board and ask each church of the Association to appoint one each in addition to these:

Carthage—J. W. Sudduth.
Center Hill—J. H. Carpenter.
Cross Road—W. A. Comfort.
Friendship—W. C. Sessum.
Good Hope, Leake—J. N. Denson.
Good Hope, Madison—J. F. Kernop.
Hopewell—F. M. Ellington.
Mt Zion (Choctaw)—Hampton Joshua.

New Providence—Robert Flowers.
 New Union—E. J. McKay.
 New Hope—A. M. Barnett.
 Wake Forest—G. W. Moore.
 Rocky Point—G. W. Dorrill.
 Standing Pine—O. H. Barnett.
 Stump Bridge—J. W. Coleman.
 Thomastown—E. T. Gober.
 Walnut Grove—H. C. Harrison.
 Salem—J. T. Phillips.
 Plymouth—G. W. Whorton.
 Hopewell (Choctaw)—Scott York.
 Hebron—O. B. Thornton.
 Midway—S. W. Moore.
 Mt. Zion—J. A. Thomas.
 Mt. Carmel—W. C. Reynolds.

Respectfully submitted,
 W. L. Cox, Chairman.
 H. COLLIER,
 J. F. LEE.

Report of special committee appointed at last session of this Association to select most suitable place for the location of the Harmony Baptist Institute, a high school to be fostered by the Baptists of this section, read and after many interesting remarks the report was very enthusiastically adopted by a unanimous rising vote, as follows:

Report of School Committee.

Whereas, There was a committee of seven appointed at the last session of this Association to select the most eligible point for the location of a denominational high school within the bounds of Harmony Association—said committee begs leave to report as the result of its labors, that Lena, Leake county, is the most eligible point, and said point is therefore recommended to your consideration for the location of said institution of learning.

Respectfully submitted,
 J. H. CARPENTER, Chairman.

By unanimous consent, at the suggestion of T. J. Moore, the body bowed in special prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the founding and maintaining of

this enterprise. The Moderator name J. P. Hickman to lead in the prayer, and the blessings of Deity were earnestly invoked.

By a resolution offered by A. F. Young, the Moderator was authorized to name a committee of three whose duty it should be to recommend five suitable persons to be chosen by the Association as trustees of the contemplated school.

Report of committee on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College read, and was discussed by its chairman and others. H. M. Cotten, who is a ministerial student from our Association, was referred to and there were try pledges of the following amounts recorded to be raised during the early part of the associational year:

Center Hill.....	\$ 7 50
Good Hope, Leake.....	10 00
Hopewell (Choctaw).....	1 00
Good Hope, Madison.....	2 50
Mt. Zion.....	5 00
Midway.....	2 50
Mt. Carmel.....	10 00
Mt. Zion (Choctaw).....	1 00
New Hope.....	5 00
Friendship.....	5 00
Wake Forest.....	2 00
Walnut Grove.....	5 00
Thomastown.....	10 00
New Providence.....	1 00
Carthage.....	20 00
New Union.....	1 00

The report was then adopted as follows:

Report on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College.

Your committee on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College begs leave to report:

That to us is committed one of the most, if not the most, important subjects that your body will be called on to consider.

The world is being educated to an extent never before known in its history, and that every son or daughter who shall fail of its advantages, will be left in the race of life, goes without saying.

As members of society, as teachers, or when called to the trades or professions, a demand for a good literary education was never before so great.

This, granted your committee pauses to ask, what more calling is an education more imperative, than that of the ministry?

To successfully teach, none will dispute that the instructor must be in advance of the pupil. Then the most important of all, that of religious teacher, appeals with double force to every religious heart.

For the preacher to successfully instruct and feed his flock he must be fully equipped to meet every demand of his congregation, in literary lore as well as Bible instruction.

Mississippi College stands to the Baptists as did Athens to the Greeks in the days of our Savior. This is the grand seat of learning to the Baptists of Mississippi. From its walls noble men, called of God to preach, who have gone forth, workmen approved, who have blessed and are a blessing to the world, and are proving a tower of strength to the Baptists of Mississippi.

Your committee is without definite data as to the number of matriculates, or the number of ministerial students in attendance at this session of the College, but are informed from the public announcements, that the present was the most flattering opening in the history of the College. The College buildings have received valuable additions. A new department, that of Pedagogy, has also been added to the course of instruction. Thus equipped with ample buildings and approved apparatus the success of the College for greater usefulness and newer conquests is assured.

Brethren, poor young men, who may feel "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel," who are struggling for an education, appeal to you for help. Shall they appeal in vain? Your committee would emphasize that no more worthy object appeals to you for support.

We should not forget that we have a young brother—
Brother H. M. Cotten, who is now a student in Missis-

issippi College. This brother is one of our own household.
Respectfully submitted,

J. N. DENSON,
P. G. WALES,
A. J. HEATH,
Committee.

Committee on Obituaries read report as follows, which was adopted:

Report on Obituaries.

We your committee on Obituaries beg leave to report as follows: That since our last session eighteen of our beloved brethren and sisters have fallen asleep in Jesus. This, brethren, is an unusually large number from our little body and forcibly reminds us of the great importance of living near to God, and being more diligent in the spread of the true gospel of Jesus.

Signed,

H. C. HARRISON,
P. C. BARNETT.

Adjourned for dinner to meet at 1:30 P. M.

Third Day—Afternoon Session.

After prayer led by W. P. Dorrill, the body was called to order by the Moderator.

Special committee to recommend suitable persons for trustees of the Baptist school reported as follows:

"We recommend as suitable persons for trustees of the Baptist school, A. L. Morris, C. S. Horne, W. C. Sessum, T. J. Meador, and T. J. Moore."

By motion, the Association adopted the report and released the committee.

It was resolved that the Board of Trustees just chosen be, and are hereby empowered, and clothed with the authority of this, Harmony Baptist Association, to attend to all her interests pertaining to this school.

Resolved 2d, That it be made the duty of the said

Board of Trustees to make a full report of its work to each session of this Association, with such recommendations as may be deemed wise and proper for adoption.

By motion of G. W. Nutt, T. J. Moore was allowed \$15 for services as clerk and treasurer and \$2 for money paid out by him for printing circular letter concerning the Baptist school.

Report on Missions read and discussed, and adopted as follows:

Report on Missions.

No question has ever been presented for our consideration of greater importance than that of missions. Great first, because of its origin—conceived in the mind of God, born of the Holy Spirit, and exemplified by the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Second, because of its purpose—that of carrying the message of salvation through Jesus Christ to sinners. Third, because of the incentive—that of love. “God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believed on him should not perish but should have eternal life.” With these great truths before us, brethren, it becomes our first and greatest duty, as well as our grandest and highest privilege, to use our very best efforts and unflagging energies to carry out this last and great command of the Master, to send the pure gospel to those who have it not.

We have within the bounds of our state under the employ of our Convention Board thirty-seven missionaries, in different parts of the state, who make excellent reports of the work done, showing 163 stations occupied, with 440 baptisms; received by letter, 422; churches organized, 6; money collected for personal services, \$2,061.05; collected for state missions, \$850.97; for other purposes, \$3,977.70—showing an aggregate of \$6,989.72 in actual cash raised by these men on the mission field. Brethren, let us spare not, but lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes for greater work for the Master. And while we are engaged in this great work of state missions, let us not forget that the Master has said, “the world is the field.” Our state is doing a grand work along all lines of mission work—foreign and home missions, as well as all other objects fostered by our great denomination. In all

these things Mississippi Baptists are in the front rank. Your committee would recommend that in all our mission work we co-operate with our Convention Board.

W. P. DORRILL,

J. W. LESLIE,

J. D. ADAMS,

Committee.

Report on Woman's Work read; discussed by chairman, S. C. Eastham and others, and adopted as follows:

Report on Woman's Work.

Your committee on Woman's Work beg leave to report as follows: That we believe from our understanding of the scriptures that there is a work for every christian to do, and that christian work is as much woman's as man's, since impressions of christian work is laid upon every christian soul.

The influence of woman in Christ's cause is wonderful, both upon saint and sinner. First, by inspiring and encouraging christians in the Lord's cause, and second, by revealing the gospel truths to sinners and bringing them to Christ.

Some of our churches have Ladies' Aid societies, and we believe them to be doing great and lasting good for our Lord and Master.

In their work they contribute of their means for the building of houses of worship, for the spread of the gospel, and give their lives to the service of God in heathen lands.

Furthermore we believe that woman in her work stands as a monument of divine approval and a great factor in the evangelization of the world.

Wherefore we commend her in her labors and pray God's blessing upon her efforts.

Respectfully submitted and signed,

L. F. GREGORY, Chairman.

A. F. YOUNG,

S. D. PHILLIPS.

By motion of J. N. Denson, the clerk was instructed to have Rules of Decorum published in minutes.

Report of committee on Finance read and adopted; see table.

Report of Committee on Queries and Requests read,
and adopted as follows:

Report on Queries and Requests.

We your committee on Queries and Requests report that we find no queries. But we find six churches asking for the next meeting of this body, namely: Good Hope (Leake), Good Hope (Madison), Cross Road, Friendship, Thomastown and Walnut Grove.

We recommend Friendship as a suitable place.

Signed,

J. A. THOMAS,
J. F. HARRISON,
P. C. BARNETT.

Report of committee on Temperance read; discussed by
chairman and adopted as follows:

Report on Temperance.

Your committee on Temperance are pleased to inform you that the cause of temperance is still progressing and that important victories have been won since our last meeting. New counties and districts have gone against the traffic. But brethren, the enemy now meets us in a new form, known as the wild cat, blind tiger and jug business. Therefore, it is necessary for us to continue our effort and ask all good citizens to assist us in putting down this evil. Your committee feel that they cannot improve on the resolutions adopted by this body at its last meeting, therefore we recommend its re-adoption as follows:

The evils growing out of the habitual or occasional use of intoxicants are so openly manifest, so degrading, so sinful and so utterly at variance with the teachings of God's word, that argument seems altogether unnecessary, especially to Bible read christians. We note with thankfulness in our hearts to Almighty God, that the custom of dram drinking is on the decline; especially is this true as regards our church members. Brethren, ministers, fathers, mothers, sisters, let us take courage and go forth in the name and the spirit of our Master and battle unceasingly against this monster of iniquity until none will be left to advocate its cause.

We again recommend and urge that our churches dis-

cipline their members for partaking of intoxicants as a beverage or encouraging its traffic in any way.

S. W. MOORE,
R. M. FLOWERS,
G. K. MOONEY.

Report of Treasurer.

Account of T. J. Moore, treasurer, from October 28, 1895, to October 24, 1896:

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Oct. 28.	Received from Committee on Finance—	
	Associational Purposes.....	\$ 61 75
	State Missions.....	17 11
	Home Missions.....	2 30
	Foreign Missions.....	11 75
	Sunday Collections for Ministerial Education....	11 60
	New Union Church.....	5 00

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Oct. 28.	Paid T. E. Morris, Associational Missions.....	\$ 15 00
Nov. 10.	Sent to Secretary Rowe.....	31 16
	Sent to Board of Ministerial Education....	11 80
Nov. 20.	Printing Minutes.....	18 70
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May. 8.	Expense of Delegates to S. B. C.....	14 45
	Clerk's and Treasurer's Fee.....	15 00
	Cash Balance on Hand.....	3 60
Total.....		\$109 71 \$109 71

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved: That the regular term of the office as trustee to the Baptist high school shall be five years; but in order that it be so arranged as to have the term of only one member expire a year, it is provided that the term of the last named in the present list of trustees shall expire at our next annual session of this Association; the next to last named at the next annual session, and so on until the first named shall be reached; thus regulating it so that one term shall expire each year.

Resolved: That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Edinburg and vicinity for the very princely manner in which they have entertained the delegates, messengers and visitors during the session of this body.

and impartial manner he has presided over this session of the body.

Pending motion to adjourn, the delegates and visitors sang a familiar hymn, gave each other the parting hand and were led in prayer by H. M. Whitten, after which the motion was carried and thus closed a grand and harmonious meeting of the Harmony Baptist Association, to meet with Friendship church, at Lena, on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in October A. D. 1897.

T. E. MORRIS, Moderator.

T. J. MOORE, Clerk.

Ordained Ministers--Their Postoffice.

T. E. Morris.....	Good Hope, Miss.
J. M. Dotson.....	Conparle, Miss.
T. J. Moore.....	Carthage, Miss.
J. M. Vinson.....	Canton, Miss.
W. P. Dorrill.....	Palona, Miss.
J. M. Kelly.....	Zion, Miss.
E. T. Dendy.....	Palona, Miss.

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Licentiates.

C. C. Anderson.....	Good Hope.
W. A. Comfort.....	Good Hope.
W. C. Sessum.....	Lena.
W. B. Brantley.....	Lena.
G. W. Nutt.....	Good Hope.
P. C. Barnett.....	Walnut Grove.
A. M. Barnett.....	Standing Pine.
H. M. Cotten.....	Clinton.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Rule 1. Every sitting shall be opened and closed with prayer or praise.

Rule 2. Visiting brethren may be invited to seats and debate on any question before the body.

Rule 3. A member desiring to speak or present any matter to the body, shall rise and address "Brother Moderator." He shall confine himself to the matter before the body, cast no reflections on the Association nor any member thereof, nor shall he be interrupted while speaking.

Rule 4. When two or more members rise at the same instant, the Moderator shall recognize the one to proceed.

Rule 5. No person shall speak more than once on the same motion without leave of the body, except the mover of the same, who shall be allowed five minutes to close the debate. Also, pending a motion to table, or when the Association shall have ordered the previous question, the right to the five minute rule shall be observed.

Rule 6. The Moderator may speak to any question under debate. He shall rise from his seat to put questions, but may state them while sitting. He shall decide all points of order, but an appeal may be taken to the whole body.

Rule 7. The Moderator shall vote in all cases as any other member, and in case of a tie the motion shall be considered lost.

Rule 8. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, except when otherwise ordered.

Rule 9. Motions containing two or more propositions shall be divided on the demand of any member, and the vote taken on each separately. Every measure shall be brought before the body by motion and second, and shall be reduced to writing on the demand of any member.

Rule 10. While a motion is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to commit or amend, to postpone to a certain time, to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in their order.

Rule 11. A motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, or to reconsider a non-debatable motion, shall be deemed non-debatable questions. A point of order shall be held non-debatable except on an appeal.

Rule 12. On demand for the previous question, the chair shall immediately submit, "Shall the main question be now put?" which if decided affirmatively, he shall proceed to take the vote, first on any pending amendments thereto, in their order and then upon the main question.

Rule 13. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence of all motions except to adjourn, but cannot be considered while the Association is engaged in other business. A motion to reconsider having failed, it shall prevent that measure being again considered during that session.

Rule 14. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

Rule 15. An amendment to an amendment may be received, but shall proceed no further.

Rule 16. Any resolution, motion, or proposition may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, before decision or amendment.

Rule 17. Any two members shall have the right to demand the ayes and nays on any question before the body.

Rule 18. When the body is proceeding under its regular order, all motions, reports, or resolutions, when read, shall be considered before the body.

the Rules shall be

Rule 20. Special Order.—The Association may, by a "two-thirds vote," fix any measure before it for a special hour. When the hour for the special order shall have arrived, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to immediately suspend any business before the body and take up such special order.

Rule 21. No member shall take a final departure without leave of the body.

Rule 22. The officers of the previous Association shall be ex-officio officers of the body, for the purpose or an organization.

Rule 23. Order of Business.—The Order of Business, the first day of the session, shall be as follows:

1. Reading the correspondence from the churches and enrollment of the delegates' names.
2. Election of officers.
3. Reception of letters petitioning admittance into the body.
4. Reception of fraternal correspondence.
5. Recess to hear introductory sermon.
6. Unfinished business of previous Association.
7. New and miscellaneous business.
8. To appoint the following standing committees, to

consist of not less than three members, to-wit: On Order of Business, on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College, on Missions, on Publications, on Sunday Schools, on State of Religion, on Queries and Requests, on Nominations, on Finance. Provided, that as soon as an organization is effected, the Moderator shall appoint a committee to arrange preaching during the session.

Rule 24. Parliamentary law shall in all cases govern where the Rules are silent.

Rule 25. These Rules may be suspended, altered, or amended at any time by a "two-thirds vote" of the members.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and it is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

II. ON THE TRUE GOD.

We believe that there is one and only one living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.

Man was created in holiness, under

grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.

V. OF JUSTIFICATION.

We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is Justification; that Justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into an estate of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent, and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel, which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of

the Holy Spirit, in connection with Divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel, and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, and faith, and newness of life.

VIII. OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

We believe that Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God, whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ; we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

IX. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

We believe that Election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man; it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

XI. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XII. OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL.

We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel, and the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XIII. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only scriptural officers are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

XIV. OF BAPTISM AND LORD'S SUPPER.

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and

Son, and Holy Ghost; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XV. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XVI. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

We believe that Civil Government is of Divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed, except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XVII. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked, that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each

other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We, moreover, engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.



FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Received by Finance Committee.					Sent on to Sec. Rowe During Year.		
	Associational Purposes.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Total	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.
Carthage.....	\$ 3 00				\$ 3 00	\$ 6 75	5 00	\$11 50
Center Hill.....	3 00	\$ 3 75			6 75			2 50
Cross Road.....	2 00				2 00			
Friendship.....	5 00		\$ 6 00		11 00			10 50
Good Hope (M.).....	2 95		1 45	\$ 1 00	5 40			5 00
Good Hope (L.).....	5 00		5 25	5 00	15 25			
Hopewell.....	2 00	1 00		1 75	4 75			
Hopewell (Choc.).....	1 05				1 05			
Hebron.....	2 00				2 00			
Mt Zion.....	4 50	3 50	3 50	8 05	19 55			
Mt. Zion (Choc.).....	1 00		1 00	1 00	3 00			
Mt. Carmel.....	3 30		3 50		6 80		5 00	5 00
Midway.....	2 25			1 00	3 25			
New Hope.....	1 65	70		70	3 05			
New Union.....	1 00				1 00			
New Providence.....	1 00				1 00			
Plymouth.....	1 00				1 00			
Rocky Point.....	3 00				3 00			
Standing Pine.....	4 00				4 00			
Stump Bridge.....	5 00				5 00			
Salem.....	2 00				2 00			
Thomastown.....	5 00				5 00	10 00	3 00	7 00
Walnut Grove.....	3 00	4 85			7 85	6 00		15 00
Wake Forest.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	6 00			
Total.....	\$15 70	\$15 80	\$21 70	\$19 50	\$ 122 70			

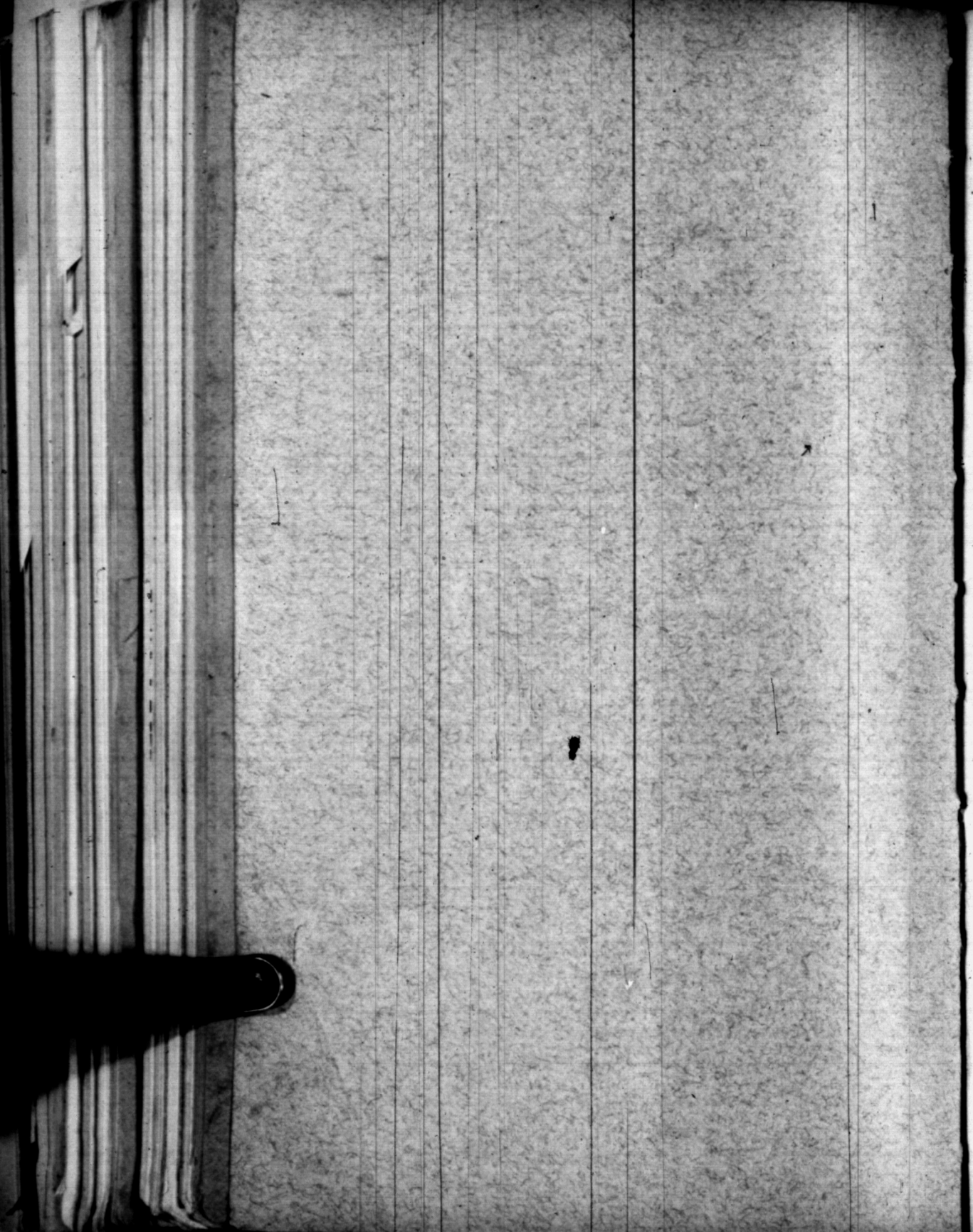
Amounts collected during the meeting for—	
State Missions.....	\$ 16 65
Mrs. Barnett.....	15 87
H. M. Cotten.....	13 00
Church House at Plattsburg.....	8 00

Total amount cash for all purposes.....	\$ 186 87
Reported sent on to A. V. Rowe.....	\$ 92 25
Sent to Association for Rowe.....	73 65
Total.....	\$ 165 90

Some churches sent money to Secretary Rowe and failed to report it in letters, among which are Midway, Stump Bridge, Rocky Point, and Good Hope, Leake. Church clerks, hereafter please see that all money sent on for Missions during the year be reported in letter. (CLERK.)

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.	PASTORS.	Days of Meeting...	Baptism	Added
Carthage.....	N. F. Wallace.....	Carthage.....	T. J. Moore.....	1, 3	6	
Center Hill.....	C. M. Evans.....	Conray.....	J. M. Dolson.....	2	4	
Gross Road.....	J. A. Nutt.....	Burtice.....	T. P. Partridge.....	2		
Friendship.....	S. A. Moore.....	Lena.....	T. E. Morris.....	2	2	
Good Hope (M.).....	D. C. Barrett.....	Couparle.....	J. M. Dolson.....	4	4	
Good Hope (L.).....	H. E. Nutt.....	Good Hope.....	T. E. Morris.....	4	2	
Hopewell.....	J. W. Fisher.....	Bolatusha.....	J. M. Dolson.....	2	5	
Hopewell (Choc.).....	Simpson Jim.....	Standing.....	Allen Willis.....	2	5	
Hebron.....	J. P. Gopher.....	Revive.....	E. T. Dendy.....	4	5	
Mt. Zion.....	S. D. Phillips.....	Zion.....	J. J. Ingram.....	2	2	
Mt. Zion (Choc.).....	Jim Anderson.....	Oklahoma.....	Allen Willis.....	3	3	
Mt. Carmel.....	E. L. Hill, jr.....	Edinburg.....	J. W. Sims.....	3	3	
Midway.....	G. G. Naezery.....	Cocosa.....	W. P. Dorrill.....	3	3	
New Hope.....	W. A. Hooks.....	Estes Mill.....	T. E. Morris.....	3	5	
New Union.....	T. J. Harroll.....	Luther.....	E. S. Clarke.....	2	2	
New Providence.....	J. D. Gross.....	St. Hun.....	W. O. Sessum.....	1	1	
Plymouth.....	V. G. Evans.....	Freetrade.....	R. M. Cooper.....	2	2	
Rocky Point.....	J. F. Lee.....	Gray.....	S. O. Eastham.....	1	2	
Standing Pine.....	E. W. Barnett.....	Standing Pine.....	W. S. Ford.....	2	2	
Stump Bridge.....	J. W. Coleman.....	Canton.....	A. L. O'Briant.....	4	4	
Salem.....	Mooney.....	Maydell.....	T. G. Ward.....	4	8	
Thomastown.....	T. B. Blalock.....	Thomastown.....	L. F. Gregory.....	4	12	
Walnut Grove.....	L. F. Ferguson.....	Walnut Grove.....	T. J. Moore.....	4	4	
Wake Forest.....	G. W. Moore.....	Thomastown.....	J. M. Vinson.....	4	61	



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.	PASTORS.	Time of Meeting		Additions.		Lost.		Total Membership	Minutes Wanted.
				Baptized	By Letter	Restoration	By Letter	Exclusion	Death		
Carthage	N. F. Wallace	Carthage	F. J. Moore	1, 3	6	1	3	2	2	90	30
Center Hill	C. M. Evans	Conway	T. E. Morris	2	5	2	10	2	1	112	30
Cross Roads	J. A. Nutt	Burnice	T. P. Partridge	2	3					23	10
Friendship	S. A. Moore	Lena	T. E. Morris	2	5	10				97	40
Good Hope (L)	H. E. Nutt	Good Hope	T. E. Morris	4	4	2	2	9	2	101	50
Good Hope (M)	D. C. Barrett	Couparle	J. M. Dotson	3	2	2	1	7	2	70	20
Hopewell	J. W. Fisher	Bolatusha	J. M. Dotson							82	20
Hopewell (Choc)	Simpson Jim	Standing Pine	Scott Zork	1	5	1		2		30	10
Hebron	J. Stewart	Revive	E. T. Dendy	4	6	1	1	1	1	33	10
Mt. Zion	Z. D. Phillips	Zion	J. J. Ingram	2	10	5	2	5	1	125	35
Mt. Zion (Choc)	Auston Jim	Ofahoma	J. J. Willis	4	1			6	2	31	15
Mt. Carmel	F. L. Hill, jr.	Edinburg	J. W. Sims	2	1			2	2	57	20
Midway	G. G. Nazery	Coosa	W. P. Dorrill	3				3		29	12
New Hope	W. A. Rushing	Estes Mill	T. G. Ward	3				2	1	58	15
New Union	T. J. Harroll	Luther	W. P. Dorrill	4	12	1		3	2	68	15
New Providence	J. D. Gross	St. Ann	T. J. Moore	3	9	2				30	10
Plymouth	V. G. Evans	Fretrade	M. R. Cooper	1	3	1				10	10
Rocky Point	J. F. Lee	Gray	W. P. Dorrill	1	1	2			6	100	25
Standing Pine	W. L. Cox	Standing Pine	J. J. Ingram	1	2			4	5	33	20
Stump Bridge	J. W. Coleman	Canton	A. B. Hill	2	9				1	40	15
Salem	C. K. of Salem Ch.	Marydell	Chas. Hollis	2						40	20
Thomastown	T. B. Blalock	Thomastown	T. J. Moore	2	10	3	2	5		116	25
Walnut Grove	L. F. Ferguson	Walnut Grove	J. M. Vinson	4	1	2		3	1	72	25
Wake Forest	G. W. Moore	Thomastown								65	20
Total				88	35	11	53	39	15	1601	502

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